IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Young et al.)	Art Unit:	1744
Serial No.:	10/694,180)	Examiner:	Chorbaji, Monzer R
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For:	METHOD FOR STERILIZATION USING ETHYLENE OXIDE)		
Attorney Docket No.:	34382-60266)		

AMENDMENT A (Under C.F.R. §1.111)

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

Please charge any and all fees due or owing to Direct Deposit Account No. 502035.

Responsive to the Official Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request re-examination, reconsideration, and allowance of claims 1-16, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 8, 11, and 12. Please cancel claim 9.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.